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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

increasing the Community tariff quota opened for 1982 by Regulation (EEC) No 3276/81 for newsprint, falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Regulations (EEC) NO 3276/81 of 16 November 1981 (1) and (EEC) NO 1884/82 of 12 July 1982 (2) opened for 1982 a Community tariff quota for newsprint which was subject to review in the course of the year. The initial figure was set at 2 800 000 tonnes.

The review was carried out at a meeting of the "Economic Tariff Problems" group on 10 September 1982 where it appeared that the supplementary needs which had arisen in certain Member States totalled about 70 000 tonnes. This would bring the overall requirement to 2 870 000 tonnes for the whole year.

2. As in previous cases and in view on the one hand of uncertainties regarding the level of consumption and on the other hand of the need to ensure parallel development both of Community production and of supplies to user industries on favourable terms, the Commission considers it advisable to exercise caution in fixing the volume of the requested increase, in order not to jeopardize market equilibrium.

The Commission thus proposes to increase the quota volume in question to 2 850 000 tonnes, that is to say to the level of effective utilisation of the tariff quota opened for 1981. Forecasts for consumption and imports from third countries do not justify a utilisation figure higher than that of 1981. This is the purpose of the present proposal.

3. In view of the relatively small volume of the proposed increase, the Commission considers that this amount should be wholly allocated to the Community reserve. Such an allocation is all the more justified in this case, since certain Member States have not taken additional requirements into account and must therefore be able to draw upon the reserve should the need arise.

(1) OJ N° L 331 of 19.11.1981, P. 7.

(2) OJ N° L 207 of 15.7.1982, p. 5.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 28 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

(EEC) 1884/82 (2) opened and allocated among the Member States a duty-free Community tariff quota for newsprint, falling within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff, the amount of which was fixed at 2800 000 tonnes; whereas by that Regulation the benefit of the tariff quota in question was extended to certain other types of paper which, apart from the criterion of watermarks, correspond to the definition of newsprint given in the Additional Note to Chapter 48 of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas, on the basis of the most recent data on this product for 1982, it is estimated that the additional imports from third countries required by the Community currently amount to 50000 tonnes; whereas the size of the quota should be increased by this quantity to take account of the requirements noted; whereas, in order to safeguard the Community character of the tariff quota in question, the whole of the volume of the proposed increase should be allocated to the Community reserve,

within subheading 48.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff is hereby increased from 2800 000 to 2850 000 tonnes.

Article 2

1. The additional volume referred to in Article 1, amounting to 50 000 tonnes, shall be allocated TO THE Community reserve.

The reserve provided for in Article 2 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3276/81, amended by regulation (EEC) n° 1884/82, thus increased from 200 000 to 250 000 tonnes.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The volume of the Community tariff quota opened by Regulation (EEC) No 3276/81 and (EEC) N° 1884/82 for newsprint falling

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

*For the Council
The President*

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